

NS SAVANNAH

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MARITIME ADMINISTRATION
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

July 25, 1958

TO: James L. Pinter, Chairman
NS SAVANNAH Operator Selection Board

FROM: Clarence G. Morse, Maritime Administrator

SUBJECT: SELECTION OF AN OPERATOR FOR THE NS SAVANNAH

My deep concern regarding the selection of the operator for the NS SAVANNAH prompted me to personally review the seven proposals from the highly qualified shipping companies interested in this operation.

After reviewing the seven proposals and the Operator Selection Board's record and recommendations, it is my opinion that the Board placed too much emphasis on round-the-world passenger-cargo operations as a primary consideration for operator selection, and by so doing, placed those operators in the passenger-cargo trade in a preferential position.

Weighing all factors, I have decided that it is in the best interest of the Government to award the operation of the NS SAVANNAH to States Marine Lines. This decision should in no way reflect on the ability of the other operators, as I consider them all highly competent.

/s/ Clarence G. Morse